

Hahn Seeks Change in Law On Filing Sheriff's Job

An obsolete provision of the law under which the Coroner succeeds to the office of Sheriff, upon that office becoming vacant for any reason, can be corrected either by amending

the County Charter or by securing passage of a new law by the State Legislature, County Counsel Harold W. Kennedy advised Supervisor Kenneth Hahn this week.

Pointing out that the Charter requires the Coroner to be a skilled medical man, Supervisor Hahn declared that "his assumption of the duties of Sheriff would not be com-

patible with his position of Coroner."

"The Undersheriff, on the other hand, is required to be a fully qualified, highly trained law enforcement officer who, I believe, should logically succeed to the office of Sheriff should that office become vacant," Supervisor Hahn stated in asking Kennedy for a legal opinion as to how the situation could be corrected.

Amendments could be made to the County Charter to provide for automatic succession of the Undersheriff and this would correct the condition, Kennedy stated.

He pointed out that under the Charter the general law, the Board of Supervisors has the authority to fill vacancies in an elective County office, other than a member of the Board of Supervisors.

DRESS SHOP ROBBERY

More than \$1000 worth of clothing has been stolen from a dress shop at 3810 Pacific Coast Hwy. Torrance police report.

The burglary, which was reported Tuesday, resulted in

the loss of 39 women's sweaters, 22 pairs of capri pants, 43 skirts and other items of clothing.

In addition, the culprit who gained entry by prying open

the rear door with a crow bar, took an estimated \$50 in cash from the register drawer.



CROWD STOPPER . . . Wherever Chucko the Clown shows up, he's certain to attract a large number of kiddies (and parents) and last Saturday afternoon was no exception, as hundreds of persons jammed the 1200 block on El Prado to help the Toy Circus at 1219 El Prado celebrate its first anniversary. Host for the affair was Toy Circus owner Anthony S. Gallo.



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